

## OLVER REMEMBERS FATHER DRINAN ON HOUSE FLOOR

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WASHINGTON - Congressman John W. Olver (1st District) delivered the following remarks on the House floor:

"Priest, lawyer, teacher, author, law school dean, Congressman and international statesman, Father Drinan was a man of many talents and many accomplishments."

"More than 100,000 of my current constituents in the northern part of Worcester County, Massachusetts, have known Father Drinan for many years."

"Father Drinan was elected to this House by what was essentially an anti-Vietnam War platform. He was a man of peace and a man of principle."

"He was a passionate supporter of international human rights. Father Drinan spoke out against injustice and for the oppressed."

"While he served in the Congress, he uniquely balanced matters of faith with matters of state. Although he was a man of faith, he was also a man of action."

"In his district, Father Drinan worked to increase affordable housing in older cities like Fitchburg and Groton. He was a man who cared for his constituents."

"Later in his life, Father Drinan continued his crusade for international human rights by teaching that same message to his students at Boston College."

"Father Drinan's life's work is an enduring example of public and humanitarian service that few will ever forget."